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1. On 1 June 1951 the Communications Department of the Kwangsi Provincial Government approved a project for expanding the highway network in the Sulo (107-35, 22-10), P'ingshiang (106-44, 22-06), Lungching (106-56, 22-22), Shangchin (107-06, 22-20), Leip'ing (106-59, 22-37), Mingchiang (107-11, 22-09), Mingming (107-07, 22-09), Lungyen (龍岩), and Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09) area. Recruitment of laborers for work on these highways commenced on 20 June 1951.
2. Engineering work on the highway from Lungchou (106-56, 22-22) via Leip'ing to Hsialei (106-46, 22-53) has already begun. As soon as this survey is completed, engineering work for the Hsialei to Chinghsi highway will begin.
3. The Regional Administrator Offices of Chinghsi and Lungchou have already recruited 2,000 civilian laborers to assist the 1, 2 and 3 Highway Engineering Corps and the 2 Bridge Engineering Corps of Kwangsi for work on these highways. Plans for the construction of these highways specify that the width of roads will be increased to seven meters and that bridges will be strengthened to carry a minimum load of five tons.

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